REGULAR MEETING Mayor and Council Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey September 20, 2021

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order Time: 7:00pm

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD and SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

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Formal Action may or may not be taken. Any other business that may come before the Council

(ALB) Roll Call:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO(AN)	Х	
EVANELLA (GE)	X	
WALKER (DW)	Х	
BROCKMAN (JB)	Х	
PEDERSEN (JP)	Х	
CHUNG (JC)	Х	

Also present:

Ms. Ann H. Bistritz, Borough Clerk (ALB)

Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO, CTC

Mr. John Dineen, Borough Attorney

(PAH) Flag Salute

(PAH) Suspend the Regular Order of Business

Motion GE

Second JP

AIF

(PAH) Meeting Open to the Public

Janet Goodman, Lynn Street

She has three children and would like Council to reconsider their denial of constructing a cross walk on Blanch Avenue. There is a dangerous bend in the road and it can be difficult for pedestrians to cross the road. She hopes that the residents will have a positive conversation with the Police and Council.

GE added that crossing cannot just be placed in any location. It is more than painting lines, they are required to be ADA compliant.

Ms. Goodman added that crosswalks would create safety for crossing the road to walk to school as well as to get to the beautiful park. She would not want a tragedy to cause a reaction to create a crosswalk.

PAH responded that the Borough will have to work with Bergen County, however, tonight he has the Borough Engineer and Chief of Police present for discussion to work with the community.

Ms. Goodman understand that there is time and money involved, but she is asking to work with the Council to get this done.

Chief Maalouf explained that he had requested his traffic officer to study the area several months ago. It was noted that there were several accidents on Blanch coming out of Old Tappan. However, the location requested by the residents for crosswalks would prove to be unsafe-Burkhardt Lane is not a recommended location. Crossing locations to consider would be Lynn Street of Higgins, but there are currently no sidewalks in that vicinity, causing people to still walk in the roadways along the curb. Higgins may be the best location to consider with the addition of sidewalks for safe crossing.

The Chief has also considered lowering the speed limit on that portion of Blanch Avenue from 35 mph to 30 mph, since it is residential.

Gregory Polyniak, Neglia Engineering concurred with Chief Maalouf that Burkhardt/No. Colonial area is a dangerous location for a crosswalk. In addition, in the professional opinion he holds the same concerns for the locations of Lynn Street and Dorotockey.

Other intersection to consider would be a crossing at Higgins Place with the addition of placing sidewalks in front of seven homes (ADA compliant). This would be about 1000 feet of sidewalk construction.

Ms. Goodman stated that the status quo right now is unsafe, and that is not okay.

PAH stated that Council will make an effort to get this done. He asked Mr. Polyniak to provide a time line for this project that includes and difficulties and restrictions.

Mr. Polyniak (GP) explained the following:

If the project was approved and able to move forward "tomorrow", first Neglia Engineering would have to discuss with the County Engineer a mid-block crossing, not at an intersection. Board of Commissioners (Bergen County) would have to approve by Resolution (a couple of months)

Borough will have to pass an ordinance to amend our traffic code (couple of months) If approved, design consideration with existing conditions and addition of ADA compliance has to be submitted and approved.

Once approved by the County, the project is required to be publically bid (couple of months) Depending on the time of year and weather conditions, project such as this do not commence during the winter months.

At a minimum the above process to sign a contract would be 6 months (plus). Construction once the bid process and award is complete could take 1-2months.

JRD noted that grants for road changes with traffic lights were awarded in Emerson. GP explained that there are two sources of funding available. One is Safe Streets for Schools and the other is the Community Development Block Grant. Safe Streets the Borough needs to work in conjunction with the schools as part of the application process. CDBG is also viable since there are currently no ADA improvements in the area.

JC noted that both programs are 100% grants.

PAH added that the biggest issue is the question of time.

JB requested that in the sense of urgency, perhaps there can be some signage placed in the area to help curtail the speed pf the traffic.

Chief Maalouf believes that the County needs to approve of anything on the County roads, but he can have officers monitor the road. They have in the past and the great majority do not speed.

JRD reminded all that no one comes up with a plan to overnight and the process is cumbersome. But, there is a need to monitor the traffic in a tiered manner while the Borough goes through the design and funding process.

PAH conclude that Council will pursue in the applicable manner. He thanked Mrs. Goodman for taking the lead.

Ms. Goodman thanked GE and PAH.

Leslie Finer, Norma Road

Requested bi-weekly updates on this project as the process moves forward.

JRD interjected that and reporting would be done through GE monthly report.

Ms. Finer requested a follow up to email discussions with DW and PAH regarding the fallen tree at the residence at the corner of Harriot Avenue and Parkside Road. It has been there since Memorial Day. Doesn't the homeowner have to take responsibility? Not only is the very large tree there but there are piles of debris as well.

PAH responded that Suez will take much of the debris away that is on their property. JRD will send notification to the homeowner.

DW reported that she had reached out to Mr. McQuade, but did not receive a confirmation from him. The tree is laying where it fell, the pole and transformer were addressed by Orange and Rockland.

JRD will move the process up the ladder with respect to the Property Maintenance enforcement. There should be some better insight by the end of the week.

Ms. Finer asked for weekly updates from DW.

JRD answered that he will keep DW advised of the situation and Council can report accordingly. Ms. Finer noted that DW has been very communicative with her.

DW added that 4-5 signs have been replaced in the Laroche/Harriot Avenue location.

PAH added that there are funds available from the auction of cars and equipment. 50% will go towards new signs under the direction of the Traffic Officer.

Brett Finer, Norma Road

He requested an update on beatification of the down town area.

JB responded that there was formally a Beautification Committee but now the Business Alliance is involved.

ALB provided an update of the Laroche Paving project, noting the initial bid was rejected since the project encroached too closely to CSX property and had to be restructured. She continued that the project has items that are chosen to be grant specific.

Mr. Finer requested to have public input into what would be chosen.

JC added that Shaun Kim, a professional Landscape Architect from Harrington Park will provide oversight and input on the project.

Josie Adelstein, Brook Street

She had provided photos of the area on Penn Street and the Municipal DPW lot. According to Ms. Adelstein, the owner of the property (Nail Salon area) has been unresponsive to their tenants who has asked for maintenance to the location.

PAH once it is determined where the line is between borough property and private property, clearer signage can be put in place.

DW noted that there is some striping and arrows that can create difficulty in maneuvering around that location.

Giuseppe Deserio, Norma Road

Inquired on why the Borough does not post the Zoom Meeting.

ALB noted that he can always OPRA them from her office. Plus there are over 5 years of minutes of all Board and Commissions on our website.

JC added that she is looking into website funding through the American Cares Act.

KJT added that his office is waiting for guidance from the Auditors on how these funds can be spent.

He also inquired about how Allegro tax income is being spent of how it will be applied to our budget.

KJT explained that the Allegro complex is already part of our budget for 2021.

Jessica Greer, Lafayette Road

She is requesting all the signs along Schraalenburgh Road straightened, and all religious (church related) signage be removed. In her opinion it is not necessary to post signs for houses of worship.

JRD immediately noted that it is illegal to remove religious signs for houses of worship. She would also like the traffic signs along Schraalenburgh and the Parkway to be replaced since they are hard to read.

PAH responded that he has asked the Chief of Police to keep a current list of signs to be replaced.

Meeting Closed to the Public with Return to the Regular Order of Business

Motion GE Second JP AIF

(PAH) Minutes Approval August 16, 2021 Motion GE Second JP No Discussion Vote AIF

(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-

All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.

Consent Approval: A-F

A Refund of Tax Overpayment

B Cancel Grant Receivable and Offsetting Appropriated Reserves

C Payment of Claims

D Change Order-ADA Accessible Ramps

E Change Order-Highland Field Pavilion

F Lions Club use of Lions Corner for Chabad of Old Tappan

(KJT)**Item G was sent shortly before meeting- Resolution

2021-134 Return of Escrow for Allegro Development Co.

Motion JP Second GE Discussion None Roll Call Vote AIF

Individual Committee Reports

- (PAH) Mayor Hoelscher
- (AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance
- (GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel
- (DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling
- (JB) Board of Health, Environmental Commission
- (JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants

Addendum B Resolution is to address and audit item. Next month Council will approve the Annual Corrective Action Plan submitted by the Municipal Auditors.

Clerk's Office held an auction for old vehicles and equipment-\$9200 was raised.

Bergen County Tax Rate has been established at 2.96% and has been certified by the CFO. Tax Bills will be going out shortly.

Finance Committee has approved a 2% raise for all employees which will be retroactive to the beginning of 2021.

Borough Hall phone system is in process of being installed

(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information

Town Day was a great success. Thank you for all those who participated in making it happen including the Recreation Commission members, CFO, DPW, Borough Clerk, Teens for Tomorrow and Scouts. The event ran is if everything was back to normal.

(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator

(**KJT**) Addendum D Resolution for a change order of \$9250.00 includes the concrete pad for the pergola, and the planting of two trees by the Library. Funds will come from two different line items, but collective resolution (same contractor).

Old Business

(PAH) Thanked JB for his help on dispersing information for the FEMA program.

New Business

(AN) Fire Department Communication

AN will work with ALB for a response to the resident that inquired about the use of the fire horn. The format of signaling has not changed in over 10 years. In fact, use during the evening has been reduced several years ago. AN will reach out to the department to see the best way to balance notifications with the first responders and our residents. Pagers are still necessary since cell phones do not always work, and there really is no replacement for the alarm. Cell phones can take 60-90 seconds to connect which hampers response. During Tropical Storm Ida, cell phones were heavily impacted. The sirens are still the tried and true method of notification.

- (**JB**) Reminder that the Flu Clinic is scheduled for September 22, 2021 in Borough Hall.
- (JC) The Asian community has worked hard to create awareness. Rev. Steve Sayer of the Community Church is helping minimize diversity in our community. JC spoke about her experience with her son and cooking new recipes with the Joy of Cooking. We can connect so much through cooking and food.

 On September 25, 2021, the Community Church will be holding a program where residents can learn how to cook a typical Asian meal, and play family friendly games. On October 16, 2021 there will be a reversal in the program. This experience is open to all for just a small donation. Space is limited, call the Church to sign up.

Ordinances-None

(PAH) Motion for Closed Session GE Time: 8:15pm Second JP Vote AIF

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

(AN) Personnel-Building Department

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

Return to Open Session 8:35pm Motion GE Second JP Vote AIF

Resolution 2021-135

Whereas, the Mayor and Council has considered the consolidation of offices for the Building Department; and

Whereas, the Appointment of Mr. Scott Wickersheim as Property Maintenance Officer (Zoning Code Official) has been made by the Mayor and Council of Harrington Park; and

Whereas, the position salary is \$6792.00; and

Whereas, position requires up to 10 hours per week; and

Whereas, position shall be filled immediately with the confirmation of the CFO of sufficient funds available.

Motion AN Second DW Roll Call Vote-AIF

Adjournment-Time: 8:38pm

Motion: JP Second: JB Vote: AIF

Addendum A Resolution 2021-128

Refund of Overpayment of Property Taxes

Refunds due to overpayment of Property Taxes due to double payment by wire transfer from CORELOGIC and Title companies/Homeowners. See following chart,

Block	Lot	Owner	Address	Quarter	Year	Amount	Description
102	4	AVILLO	28 FIRST ST	1	2021	2474.01	Title co/corelogic
		FAY					
206	7	(TONDA)	4 LEE AVE	3	2020	3637.20	Weichert/corelogic
409	12	LIANG	55 COOPER PLACE	2	2021	4333.56	BSI/corelogic
715	2	PEREZ	94 HACKENSACK AVE	1	2021	422.90	WIPP/corelogic
715	7	DIMARTINI	12 DORA ST	2	2021	4019.71	BSI/corelogic
720	18	BRONSTEIN	41 HERRING ST	4 TH	2020	3709.95	Simplicity/corelogic

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725	9	KIM	26 SPRING ST	4 TH	2020	3921.76	Title co/corelogic
805	13.05	SHELDON	10 EASTBROOK RD	4 TH	2020	6726.57	Title co/corelogic
805	13.12	MCKIERNAN	48 NELSON ST	4 TH	2020	10400.99	Title co/corelogic
806	3	HELFMAN	5 EASTBROOK RD	3 RD	2020	5647.14	Title co/corelogic
906	6	BUELL	15 WILLIAM ST	4 th	2020	421.48	Overpymt
1017	15	PABST	53 KOHRING CIR S	4 th	2020	489.80	Overpymt
1308	3	BRYAN	64 FLORENCE ROAD	3 rd	2013	1284.78	Overpymt
1309	3	LYNCH	17 GILES ROAD	3 rd	2020	242.50	Overpymt
1320	8	BAVOLAR	78 COLUMBUS AVE	2 ND	2021	3019.20	Investment/corelogic
1502	15	EIFERT	46 TAYLOR PL	4 th	2019	931.86	CBJ

WHEREAS, Corelogic is entitled to a refund of property taxes due to an overpayment of \$51,683.41

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue refunds in the total amount of \$51,683.41 for overpayments of various property taxes

Addendum B Resolution 2021-129

Cancelling Grant Receivable and Offsetting Appropriated Reserve

WHEREAS, a certain 2020 grant receivable balance remains on the Current Fund Balance Sheet; and,

WHEREAS, the offsetting unexpended appropriated grant reserve balance associated with this receivable remains on the Current Fund Balance Sheet; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the grant receivable and offsetting reserve is no longer required since a similar amount was appropriated and made available in 2019 and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said grant receivable and offsetting appropriated grant reserve balance from the Current Fund Balance Sheet;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Harrington Park that the following grant balance and appropriated reserve balance be cancelled of record:

	<u>Cancelled</u>		
	Grant	Appropriated	
Grant Description	Receivable	Reserve	
	Balance	Balance	
CDBG – ADA Bathroom	\$75,000	\$75,000	

Addendum C Resolution 2021-130 Payment of Claims

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Harrington Park in the following amounts under various funds of the town:

Current Appropriations (2020)	\$
Current Appropriations (2021)	\$ 155,290.65
General Capital Fund	\$ 18,178.93
Animal Trust	\$ 12.00
Miscellaneous Trust	\$ 10,963.62
Affordable Housing Trust	\$
Open Space Trust Fund	\$ 3,446.00
Grants	\$ 1,737.41
Escrow	\$
Total	\$ 189,631.61

WHEREAS, above claims have been listed and summarized in the attached Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, Borough Council, and the chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available in the Borough of Harrington Park and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Council and Chief Financial Officer and Department Head be paid and checks issued accordingly; and

WHEREAS, claims have already been paid in the following amounts for the purpose specified

below:				
Payroll- Salaries/Wage	S		\$	117,804.85
Payroll- Salaries/Wage			\$	120,968.19
Payroll- Salaries/Wage	S		\$	
Payroll-Salaries/Wages	3		\$	
Local School-			\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	
Regional School –			\$	
Capital Fund/Health Be	enefits/Pensions		\$	
Debt Services Principle	e (bond)		\$	
Debt Services Interest			\$	
Debt Service Loan/Inte	rest (NJEIT)		\$	
		TOTAL	\$ 2	238,773.04
NOW, THEREFORE Harrington Park that th				uncil of the Borough of attified respectively.
Be it resolved l	Ramps and Sidewalk by the Mayor and Co boon the recommendat	ouncil of the Boroughion of the Borough	gh of H	Library – Phase II arrington Park of Bergen er that the Change Order
TITLE OF JOB:	ADA-Accessible Ra Library – Phase II	mps and Sidewa	lks at 1	the Borough Hall and
CONTRACTOR: 1	Balitano Contracting	Company, Inc., 298	Forest F	Road, Fort Lee, NJ 07024
CHANGE ORDER N	o.:	1		
AMOUNT OF CHAN	GE THIS RESOLU	TION: _+\$9,250.0	00 (13.70	% Increase)
This Resolution funds are available.	to take effect upon o	certification by the	Borough	Treasurer that sufficient
Dated:		Certified:		
				nsurer

Approved: __

Mayor

Dated:

Dated:	Clerk
	Addendum E Resolution 2021-132
Be it resolved by the New Jersey upon the	Field Pavilion Structure (Bergen County Open Space Grant) Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park of Bergen County, e recommendation of the Borough Engineer that the Change Order for the be and is hereby approved.
TITLE OF JOB:	Highland Field Pavilion Structure (Bergen County Open Space Grant)
CONTRACTOR:	<u>Picerno-Giordano Construction, LLC, 200 Market Street, Kenilworth, NJ 07033</u>
CHANGE ORDER	No.:1
AMOUNT OF CHA	ANGE THIS RESOLUTION: _ +\$11,850.00 (7.38% Increase)
This Resoluti funds are available.	on to take effect upon certification by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient
Dated:	Certified: Treasurer
Dated:	Approved: Mayor

Dated:		
	Clerk	

Addendum F Resolution Lions Corner use by Chabad of Old Tappan 2021-133

Whereas, Rabbi Mendy Lewis from the Chabad in Old Tappan has requested approval for a mobile sukkah at Lions Corner to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot; and

Whereas, the mobile sukkah truck will be parked for two hours for the public to see on September 26, 2021 from 4pm-6pm; and

Whereas, the Harrington Park Lions Club has approved this request; and

Whereas, health and safety guidelines shall be followed; and

Whereas, the Harrington Park Police Department shall be notified of the event.

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Mayor and Council approve the parking of a mobile sukkah at Lions Corner on September 26, 2021 for two hours.

Addendum G Resolution 2021-134

Return of Escrow for Allegro Development Co.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Borough's ordinances, Allegro Development Co. established an escrow account to pay for the services rendered by said officers, and

WHEREAS, Allegro Development Co. will not need said construction services in the near future and wish to close their escrow account and refund the balance remaining:

Allegro Development Company Attention: Richard Miller 212 South Central Ave., Suite 301 St. Louis, MO 63105

Re: 200 Old Hook Road, Block 1601, Lot 1.01

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue refunds in the total amount of \$66,313.86

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that refunds shall be returned to the applicant upon final adoption of the resolution and the CFO is authorized to issue refund checks in the amount set forth above